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2 LORA TOM: My name is Lora Tom and I'm here
13 on behalf of the Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah, the five
14 bands of Utah, Indian Peaks and the Cedar Band, Cedar
15 City, Utah, the Shoshone Band, St. George, Utah. Our
16 tribe has been involved with the early meetings of the
17 CGTO itself because of the locations of our and original
18 Southern Paiute lands that we're concerned the proposed
19 YMP will sit in the heart of our lands. That's pressure
20 to the tribes here today. Tribal consultation process
21 should be followed as mandated a recommendation for the
22 DOE and the YMP staff to meet with all Tribal
23 governments in their own respective areas with other
24 tribal councils. Engineering environmental information
25 with the review and approval does not qualify as

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1 consultation. Each 17 tribes do not have resources
2 available to employ nuclear consultations. Tribal
3 chairmen participation in YMP and NRC meetings with are
4 important. Tribal chairman faces tribal issues that are
5 just as important. The Paiute Tribe of Utah has had
6 several elders participating in studies to try to
7 protect our Mother Earth. They did this because of

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8 their strong cultural beliefs as caretakers of this
9 land. It is because of this that our tribe strongly
10 oppose the site of the YMP.

11 The Department of Energy must provide funds
12 to go tribes so that tribes can have their own experts
13 to evaluations. In all phases of the YMP, the comment
14 period for the tribes to review the technical material
15 is unrealistic.

16 In June 2001 our tribe extended the YMP
17 staff to come to our tribal council meetings. Now four
18 months later they plan to come to November. The
19 comments period ends October 19. Our next tribal
20 meeting is November 6th which do not validate the issues
21 or concerns that are at question. Thank you.